

Practitioner's Docket No. 17396/09015

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of: Maurice R. De Billot, et al. Confirmation No. 8087  
Application No.: 10/026,301 Group No.: 1617  
Filed: 12/19/2001 Examiner: Abigail Manda Cotton  
For: Method of Improving  
Yield and Vigor of Plants

**RESPONSE UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP**

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**AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

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## STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+	\$ 0.00	= \$	0.00
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No additional fee for claims is required.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

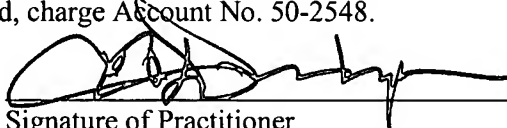
5. If any extension and/or fee is required beyond the enclosed \$790.00 fee for the RCE filed herein, charge Account No. 50-2548.

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER OFFICE ACTION DEEMED TO BE A FINAL  
ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114.**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of April 13, 2007, and the Advisory Action of June 27, 2007. The response is filed along with a request for continued examination and appropriate fees for such request and is believed to be timely on account of being filed within three months of the mailing date of the most recent Action.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification.**

**Amendments to the claims** are shown in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings.**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.